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SACRAMENTO MAN SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RONALD TAYLOR, 65, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr., to seven years in federal prison. The defendant pleaded guilty to possession of images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct on January 14, 2008.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the High Tech Crimes Task Force, a federal, state, and local task force that focuses on the investigation and prosecution of computer crimes. This investigation was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafechildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who prosecuted the case, in sentencing the defendant, Judge Damrell acknowledged that the defendant accepted responsibility for re-victimizing the minors portrayed in the images and videos he possessed, and remarked that the market for child pornography was predicated on the false belief that the victimization of the children concluded upon the end of the sexual abuse. As the government pointed out, however, the victims of sexual abuse can be haunted forever by the images of their abuse circulating the internet for the perverse pleasure of others.

In addition to the prison term he will serve, TAYLOR will be required to register as a sex offender.

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